

In addition to the sports programs,  
the following clubs/activities are offered to the students

## **A. MacArthur Barr**

### **5/6 Academy for Excellence and Middle School students**

### **2016- 2017**



#### **Barr Video Production Club (Mr. Emanuel)**

The Barr Video Production Club will provide an opportunity for students to learn professional video production skills. Students will be using industry standard tools and techniques to create a variety of projects. One main goal of the club is to create videos to highlight student achievements that will be shown to the student body and on the school website. The club will also work with other departments and faculty in the building to achieve curricular and extracurricular goals involving video production and multimedia. **Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, beginning in October.**



#### **C.A.R.E. (Creating Awareness about Recycling and the Environment (Mrs. Schucker)**

Students will create and maintain the courtyard garden; they will learn about and promote recycling, energy conservation and caring for the planet through club activities and field trips. We will be responsible for raising trout and participating in a Journey North symbolic butterfly migration this year as well!

The club will meet in room 116 **every other Tuesday beginning September 27, 2016, through June 13, 2017.**



#### **Chamber Orchestra (Ms. Rife)**

Chamber Orchestra is open to qualified students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 who have attained a NYSSMA solo level of 4 or above and are interested in chamber music repertoire for strings. Students audition in the spring for the group. Placement is done according to the demands of the instrumentation and with priority given to students in grade 7 and 8. We will perform in the winter and spring A. MacArthur Barr concerts for grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 and for State music festivals. The group will meet in the Band/Orchestra room on **Thursdays, beginning September 15, 2016.** Please see Ms. Rife if you are interested in auditioning in the spring.



#### **Concert Choir (Dr. Greml)**

Concert Choir is a vocal ensemble designed for grade 5-8 students who particularly enjoy singing as a mode of musical expression and would like an additional opportunity for a choral experience. This group will perform at a middle school concert, as well as various school functions. The group will meet in the Band room after school on **Tuesdays, beginning on September 27, 2016.**



#### **Dignity Club (Alison Kersh)**

The Dignity for All Club will provide a safe space where students can connect to others, share experiences, receive accurate information and plan projects that encourage tolerance, acceptance and celebrating one another's similarities and differences. Students are encouraged to join this club to get support, be a positive leader and role model or to just have fun!

**This club will meet approximately two times a month on Tuesday afternoons beginning October 18, 2016.**



#### **Drama Society (Dr. Greml)**

Members of the Drama Club will select, rehearse and perform dramatic scenes and/or music theatre musical numbers in accordance with a theme selected by the club advisor. Work of the club is presented to the public in a workshop style performance. Members will meet **Fridays, starting January 6, 2017; additional rehearsals TBA March 24 through May, with performances in early June.**

### Jazz Band (Mr. Miller)



Jazz Band is open to band students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The students will experience playing in big band and combo settings. They will be introduced to improvisation and jazz standards. The band will perform at the annual Nanuet Jazz Knight in April. Other selected performances will be announced. The first rehearsal will be held on **September 26, 2016**.



### Math Olympiads (Mrs. Spadavecchia)

Math Olympiads is open to students in all grades who are interested in competing in a variety of challenging math contests. Although all contests will take place at the middle school, the Math Olympiad Team will be competing with students from all over the county. The club will meet in room 200 on designated **Mondays from October through April**. **Students should see Mrs. Spadavecchia for a schedule.**

### Science Olympiad (Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Schucker and Mr. Zayas)



Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. Some of the goals of Science Olympiad tournaments are to bring science to life by showing how it works, develop teamwork and attract more students into professional and technical careers in science, technology and science teaching. The Science Olympiad tournaments, which are scheduled in March, are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events, for which students prepare during the school year. The challenges in which the students participate include a variety of science disciplines such as biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. The club will run through the tournament which is scheduled for **March 4, 2017**. Weekly meetings will be held on **Fridays, beginning on October 7<sup>th</sup>**. However, two months before the event we will be meeting two and possibly three times a week.



### Student Council (Mrs. Taylor)

Students are given the opportunity to govern school activities and become active members of the community. This happens through participation in food drives, fundraisers and other community minded-activities. The club is open to all middle school students and will meet in Room 202 alternate **Mondays, beginning on September 26, 2016**.

### Yearbook Staff (Ms. Cuccia)



The Yearbook Staff is open to students in grade 8. The staff will work on the 2016/2017 Yearbook. Preparation will include light typing, taking pictures and page design. Members should be prepared to attend various after-school events to take pictures. The staff will meet in room 104 on **Tuesdays** and occasionally during recess. Interested students should see Ms. Cuccia.

### WordMasters Challenge™ (Ms. Karlitz)



Are you a fifth or sixth grader? Do you love words? Do you enjoy challenges?

The **WordMasters Challenge™** is an exciting national competition that encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. Each year, over 125,000 students from some of the best public and private schools throughout the United States participate in the WordMasters Challenge. Club members will be competing with students all over the country, but meets are held right in the middle school three times per year during club meetings. Members will learn many new vocabulary words and how to do analogies through fun activities. There are separate fifth and sixth grade clubs. **Meetings will be held every other Thursday beginning on October 6, 2016, for fifth grade and on October 13, 2016, for sixth grade** through the last challenges in the spring. The groups will meet in room 114. See Ms. Karlitz for a schedule.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

*Additional co-curricular clubs may be established later in the year based on student interest.*

**Clubs begin after school and end in time for students to take the activity bus at approximately 4:00pm.**